

# DISCLOSURE DIVISION

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- ☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**  
☐ **ANSWER**  
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**  
☐ **UNTIMELY**

**DATE:** 7/2/2021

**DOCKET #:** 2021-565

Ashley Wimberley, Director  
Disclosure Division



## FILER INFORMATION

Name: Bridgett Bennett  
Address: 39267 Oak St., Pearl River, LA 70452-5004  
Office/Position: Pearl River Board of Aldermen / Pearl River / St. Tammany  
# of Disclosures/Amendments Filed with Agency: 9  
Years Covered: 2013-2019  
Final Report: No

## REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 3 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2019  
Report ID: PFD21001723  
Original Due Date: 7/6/2020  
NOD Received: 2/22/2021 - Signed by: Mail Carrier - CV19  
PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 3/3/2021  
PFD/Answer Filed: 3/9/2021

## LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$300  
Days late from receipt of NOD: 6  
Total days late from initial due date: 246  
Late Fee Order Received: 5/1/2021  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 5/21/2021  
Waiver Request Received: 5/5/2021

## COMMENTS:

Ms. Bennett stated 2020 was an extremely busy year for her, her family and at her job (unlike any other year). When she received the NOD, she completed the disclosure and mailed it, as she no longer had a fax machine and could not find a way to submit the PFD via email or online. She contacted the BOE and spoke with the PFD Director, who informed her of the upload feature. Ms. Bennett then learned that her disclosure was post mark dated as 3/9/2021, instead of being stamped with 3/8/2021, the date she brought her disclosure to the post office to be mailed off. She assumes the post office did not process her item until the next business day. Ms. Bennett hopes the Ethics Board will consider waiving this fine.

## OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

### Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: Yes 2014 \$50 paid
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

### Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

FAX  
RECEIVED  
MAY 5 21 AM 10:22

May 4, 2021

Louisiana Board of Ethics  
ATTN: Executive Secretary, Ethics Administration  
Post Office Box 4368  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

RE: Late Fee Assessment-Report: PFD21001723

To Whom It May Concern:

After speaking with Ashley in your office earlier today, I am formally asking for your consideration to waive the late fees which have been placed in my file. I failed to submit my financial disclosure statement for 2019 in 2020 and take full responsibility for this. It was an extremely busy year for my family/jobs unlike many during 2020. When I received the late notice from your office, I immediately went online and printed out my forms and submitted them via regular mail. In the past, I have submitted my forms via fax from my home office, but this past year, we did away with our fax machine due to most not accepting them any longer and went with current technology of scanning and emailing. I did not see an option to email my forms but have since been informed from Ashley that there is an upload option for that. My forms were dropped off at the post office on March 8, 2021 and I have a copy in my files with the date indicating the date I mailed it. According to Ashley, it was postmarked March 9<sup>th</sup>. I can only assume, it didn't go out to the next day. I have been late one other time and did pay the \$50.00 late fee that was assessed.

I hope that you will consider waiving these fees as I was unaware it did not reach you on time after the notice was sent. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Bridgett Bennett

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**CERTIFIED MAIL**

**NO. 70200640000079869985**

**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

February 19, 2021

Bridgett Bennett  
39267 Oak St.  
Pearl River, LA 70452-5004

**RE: NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY - FAILURE TO FILE**

**Statement covering 2019 (originally due on June 8, 2020)  
Pearl River Board of Aldermen / Pearl River / St. Tammany**

Dear Bridgett Bennett:

Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1124.4, if a person fails to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement as required by 42:1124, 1124.2, 1124.2.1, or 1124.3; omits information; or files inaccurately, a Notice of Delinquency shall be issued. A review of our records indicates that we have not received your Personal Financial Disclosure Statement.

**You have 7 business days from the date of receipt of this Notice** to file your Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement covering 2019, which was originally due on June 8, 2020, or to submit an Answer explaining why you feel you are not required to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement. Failure to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement or an Answer within the 7 business days will subject you to an automatic late fee of \$50 per day up to a maximum of \$1,500. Proof of timely filing is determined by the U.S. Postal Service postmark; receipt from the U.S. Postal Service; or receipt from a commercial delivery service.

The form for the Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement (Form 418a) is available on the Louisiana Board of Ethics website at [www.ethics.la.gov](http://www.ethics.la.gov). If you have any questions, you may contact me at 225/219-5600 or 800/842-6630.

Sincerely,

Lisa Ford  
Program Compliance Officer

**SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION**

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

ETHICS BOARD REC'D  
MAR 2 '21 PM 1:33

Bridgett Bennett  
39267 Oak St.  
Pearl River, LA 70452-5004



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2. Article Number (Transfer from service label)

7020 0640 0000 7986 9985

PS Form 3811, July 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9033

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

A. Signature

X *Burnett*

- ☐ Agent  
☐ Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name)

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C. Date of Delivery

2/24/20

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes  
If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

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3. Service Type

- ☐ Adult Signature  
☐ Adult Signature Restricted Delivery  
☒ Certified Mail®  
☐ Certified Mail Restricted Delivery  
☐ Collect on Delivery  
☐ Collect on Delivery Restricted Delivery  
☐ Insured Mail  
☐ Insured Mail Restricted Delivery

- ☐ Priority Mail Express®  
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